REMARKS

Claims 1, 5, 6, 8-12, and 33-38, 40-52 are currently pending in the case. No claims are being amended by way of this response. Claims 1 and 38 are in independent form. Please charge Deposit Account No. 02-1818 for any fees due in connection with this response.

The Office Action rejected independent claims 1 and 38 under 35 U.S.C. §103(a) based on *Celis* (U.S. Patent 6,021,405) in view of *Hussam* (2003/0050927).

Independent claims 1 and 38 recite, inter alia, "the at least one transformation rule being selected based on the plurality of text items and the <u>active task</u>" and "applying the at least one transformation rule to the at least one <u>keyword</u>, the transformation rule causing the at least one keyword to be <u>replaced</u> by another keyword." For example, if the user is a salesman in an engineering company working on a sales presentation, technical jargon in a search query may be replaced with straightforward language allowing the system to retrieve documents more applicable to the user's task (see ¶114 of the specification). *Celis* and *Hussam*, alone and in combination, fail to teach this feature.

Celis does not teach replacing keywords as currently claimed. *Celis* teaches a database query optimizer. Through the application of rules, *Celis* transforms logical expressions into execution plans. Those logical expressions may be wrapped around keywords (e.g., search terms). However, the database query optimizer of *Celis* does not transform those keywords. In addition, *Celis* does not teach selecting which transformation rules to apply based on the <u>user's</u> active task as currently claimed.

The Office action indicates that *Celis* teaches determining an active task being performed by the user via the computer application at col. 21. line 51 – col. 22, line 9.

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Applicants respectfully disagree. Nothing in this portion or any portion of *Celis* teaches "determining an active task being performed by the user via the computer application" as claimed.

The Office action indicates that *Celis* teaches selecting at least one transformation rule from a plurality of different transformation rules, the at least one transformation rule being selected based on the plurality of text items and the active task at col. 20, line 65 – co. 21, line 13; col. 15 lines 1-22. Applicants respectfully disagree. Nothing in this portion or any portion of *Celis* teaches "selecting at least one transformation rule from a plurality of different transformation rules, the at least one transformation rule being selected based on the plurality of text items and the active task" as claimed.

Furthermore, Applicants fail to see how anything "determined" in col. 21. line 51 – col. 22, line 9 of *Celis* is used to "select" anything in col. 20, line 65 – co. 21, line 13; col. 15 lines 1-22 of *Celis*.

The Office action indicates that *Celis* teaches at least one keyword being replaced by another keyword at col. 15, lines 35-40; col. 17, lines 40-50; col. 22, lines 40-54. Applicants respectfully disagree. Nothing in this portion or any portion of *Celis* teaches "the transformation rule causing the at least one keyword to be replaced by another keyword" as claimed.

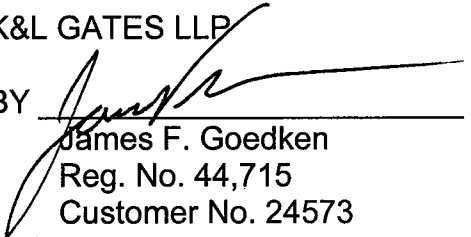. *Hussam* does nothing to cure any of the above deficiencies of *Celis*.

Accordingly, for at least these reasons, all pending claims are condition for allowance, and the rejection should be withdrawn. An earnest endeavor has been made to place this application in condition for formal allowance, and in the absence of more pertinent art, such action is courteously solicited. If the Examiner has any

questions regarding this Response, Applicants respectfully request that the Examiner contact the undersigned.

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